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Coast.

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Colonies and Administrations in 1897

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in the P. & O. Steamer China.

The Chinese Schools Price Distribu-
tion.

British at Port Arthur.

The Russian Withdrawal from Korea.

British Sing Lottery

Report on Foreign Trade

for 1892.

Opinions of the Chinese

Imperial Naval and Colonial

steel Sheet was shipped from Hankow to London, and was transhipped to steamers bearing about the end of Jan for the mouth of the Yenisei River, and was thence water borne to Krasnoyarsk, where it reached the Siberian Railway. The expenses by this route are said to be lower than those incurred by overland carriage, and should the limited period during which the Kara Sea is open to navigation not prove a serious obstacle, we may expect to see a year or two more in the shipments of brick tea to Great Britain.

Although the export of silk exceeded that of 1896, it did not compare favourably with 1895. A large crop was anticipated, but owing perhaps to the worms having suffered during their early stages by a long spell of rainy weather, it fell short of expectation. Prices, however, were much higher, and the demand from abroad justified buyers in operating freely. The drop in exchange during the summer caused a further advance, the well-known "Gold Killing" ship obtaining the fine price of Tls. 475. Exporters did well in consequence of the low exchange and the good price obtained abroad. Stocks in hand were to be very low, and prices tended to rise during the winter, with the result that demand for silks required by the silvershates made a further dip, owing to the high prices asked, and many silvershates were unable to procure enough for their wants. Those silvershates which sold their cuttings when exchange was low made handsome profits, but others suffered loss. Seeing that the northern Chinese silk is genetically the best in the world, it is not surprising to learn that little or no improvement in the grading has taken place, and that a link which should be an increasing source of wealth to the people is gradually being diverted to other channels in consequence of defective reeling and adulteration. Owing to these causes, and to heavy internal taxation, the export of China unless a change is made will feel more and more severe, and competition with Japan, who is also an inferior quality, is so severely cuttified and hampered that it finds an annually increasing sale. These remarks apply to the silk which is reeled by native methods, and more especially to the silks of Northern China. In the Canton district certain improvement is visible, and it is gratifying to notice that the quality of the silk is increasing, increasing from 37.93 to 41.48% since the last Shato was declared on the 31st August, 1897, demanded the final winding up of this Company. The shareholders who have not collected yet their Balara of Capital, amounting to Tl. 750,000, have been given a grace period of 6 months to do so without further delay. Given a more intelligent cultivation of the worms and a result improvement in the cocoons must be looked for in this direction.

The increase in the export of beans and beans was due to the demand from Japan. Beans and feathers were exported in larger quantities, and rush mats rose from Tls. 236.78 to 266.78 pesos. But the rate from 165.367 to 216.25 pesos, and this is a rate which is of growing importance. The export of mats was more than doubled. Nutgalls, oils, skins, brown sugar, and vegetable tallow all show progress. The increase in the export of tobacco leaf is especially noticeable, rising from 104,761 to 141,377 picas. Wool improved, but did not reach the total for 1895.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Borneo*, from Yokohama 29th March, had dense fog on the 29th and 30th instant. The British steamer *Esmeralda*, from Manila 29th March, had fine pleasant weather, fog clearing the land.

The British steamer *Kwangtung*, from Tientsin via Chooch 23rd March, had light variable winds with foggy weather.

EXPORT CARGO.

Per steamer *Glacce*, sailed on the 28th March. For New York: 2,360 packages, 2,152 rolls matting, 3,119 packages, 1,150 boxes, 1,115 packages, 1,110 packages, 2,382 packages, merino, 1,610 packages, 1,000 bags rice, 100 bags, 132 cases Chinaware, 200 bags rice, 100 bags, 50 bags silk, 50 cases soy, 65 boxes bristles, 50 boxes gall nuts, 14 packages preserves, 16 cases human hair, 7 cases blackwoodware, and 7 cases lacquerware.

TEBRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a call of \$1 per Share has been made in respect of the Shares not fully paid up and that same is PAYABLE on the 1st April next to the Undersigned, at the Registered Office of the Company, 33 & 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. (701)

GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL of \$1 per Share has been made in respect of the Shares in the above-named Company, not fully paid up and that same is PAYABLE on the 1st April next, to the Company's Bankers, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong.

LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 31st March, 1898. (777)

JOHN WALKER & SONS' FAMOUS KILMARNOCK WHISKY.

This world-renowned Fine Old HIGHLAND WHISKY is shipped by CUTTLER, PALMER & CO., LTD., obtainable in Hongkong of G. C. ANDERSON, No. 13, Praya Central, Hongkong, 26th July, 1897. (683)

JAPAN FINE ART CURIOS.

KUHN & KOMOR, HONGKONG; YOKOHAMA; KOREA. (2859)

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on the 10th INSTANT, at 10 A.M., at 3rd Floor, the Chambers, CECIL HALL, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

R. CHAPERTON WILCOX, Secretary. Hongkong, 30th March, 1898. (768)

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in London recently a final DIVIDEND of 3 per Cent was paid on the Company's Preferred Shares, for the six months ended 31st December, 1897, making 6 per cent. A Dividend of 6 per Cent. for the same year was also declared on the Company's Ordinary Shares.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready for issue on or about the 1st April.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be OPENED from the 25th to the 31st instant, inclusive.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 25th March, 1898. (759)

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